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Preliminary to Examination, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, after the title, please insert as follows:

-- CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Applicant claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of German Application No. 199 18 933.1 filed April 26, 1999. Applicant also claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 of PCT/DE00/01103 filed April 7, 2000. The international application under PCT article 21(2) was not published in English.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel original claims 1-9 and replace with new claims 10-18 as follows:

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